TAMANI-SAN, FOR SEVEN GENERA-TIONS NOW
Fish Rule
IT HAS BEEN OUR FATE TO MEET LIKE THIS.
CHAPTER 14
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS, NYAA
YOU ARE FREE TO CURSE ME AS YOU WILL.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT SO CALMLY, NYA~?
MASA-SAN...

SCANLATION BY RPAPO

ACTUALLY, MASA-SAN IS JUST ANOTHER WORTHLESS HUMAN, MYA!
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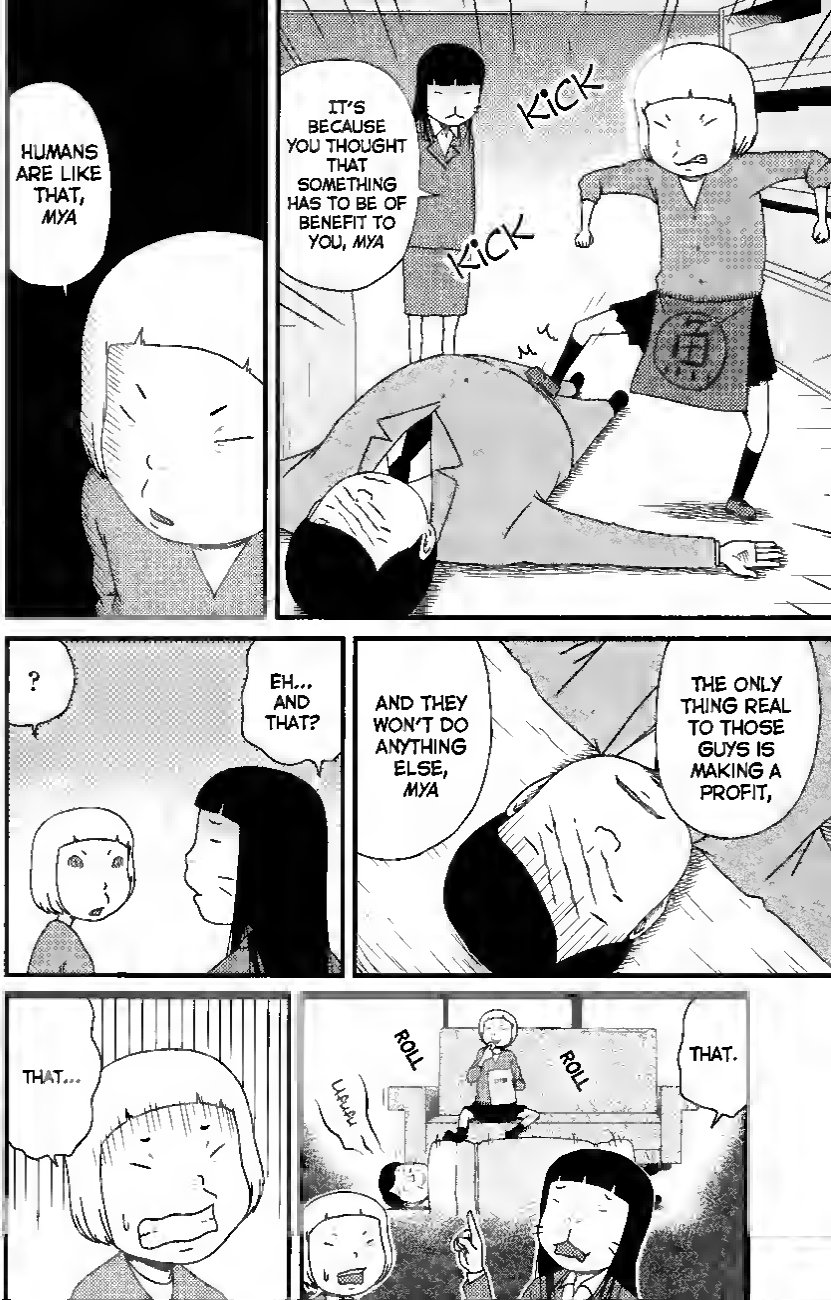
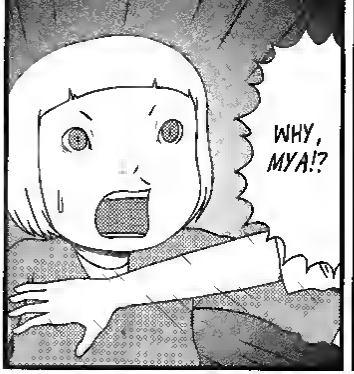
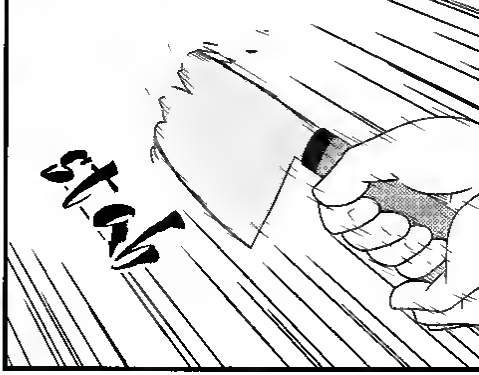
HE'S SNEAKY, MYA!
HE THOUGHT YOU WOULD MAKE HIS CURSE LIGHTER, MYA
WHA ...?
HE'S BEEN NICE TO YOU UP TO NOW, MYA
HE KNEW YOU WERE A BAKENEKO FROM THE START.
FROM THE START, I NEVER NOTICED...
IS THAT HOW IT WAS, NYAA?

ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO PLAY INNOCENT, MYA~?
THOUGH I DID THINK YOU WERE A LITTLE DIFFER-ENT...
YOU SHOULD BE CURSED UNTIL YOU FALL ENTIRELY TO PIECES, MYA
YOU PIECE OF CRAP, MYA
YOU'VE ALWAYS PRETENDED TO BE A GOOD PERSON, BUT AS I SUSPECTED, YOU'RE GOOD FOR NOTHING, MYA
YOU SAID THIS GUY GAVE ME MONEY.
KICK
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING~ THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SEEM TO SAY.
THAT'S NOT TRUE... I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT TAMAMI-SAN TO BE A GOOD GIRL...

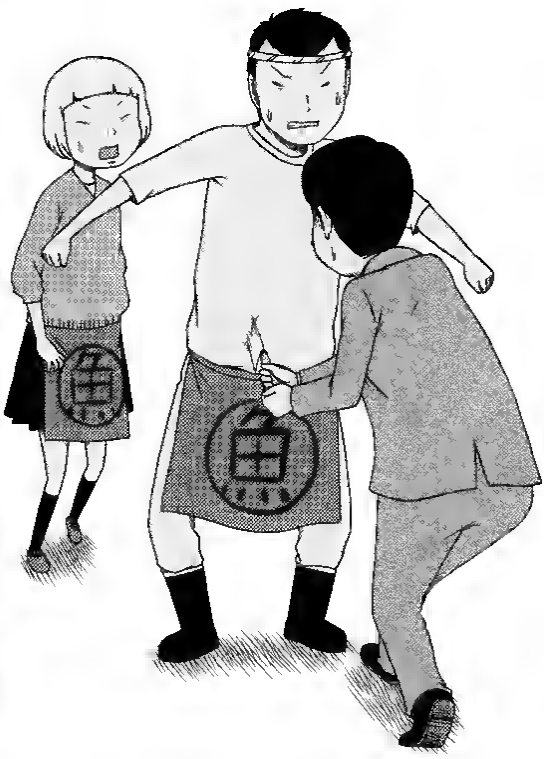

HUMANS ARE LIKE THAT, MYA
IT'S BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE OF BENEFIT TO YOU, MYA
KICK
KICK
EH... AND THAT?
?
AND THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING ELSE, MYA
THE ONLY THING REAL TO THOSE GUYS IS MAKING A PROFIT,
THAT...
ROLL
ROLL
LLAMA
THAT.

SFX: THUMP, THUMP
DIS-GUST-ING, MYAA...
WHAT A BIG BROTHER, MYA
THIS GUY'S JUST STRANGE, MYA
Uuu ghh
.....
Ooh
POUNCE


WHY, MYA!?


STAB

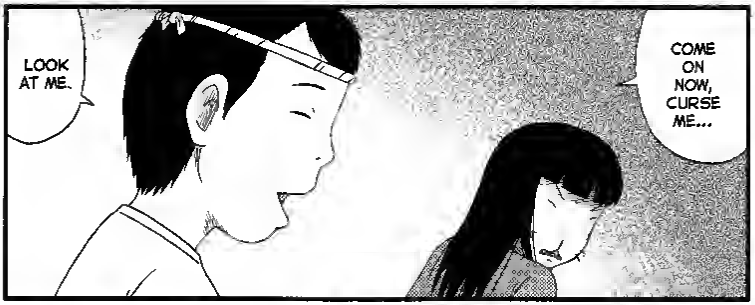
WHY DID YOU, MYA?



NYAA
O-NEE-SAMA, THAT ONE?
WHY O-NEE-SAMA TOO, MYA?
LEAP
NYAA...!
I WON'T FORGIVE ANYBODY WHO GETS IN MY WAY, NYA...
IT'S FOR ME TO ATTACK MASA-SAN, NYA...
SHOULDN'T IT BE ME, TAMAMI-SAN?
NYAAA!
I SEE, MYA...
YOU ARE CURSING THE WRONG PERSON.

A LITTLE MORE WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
I'VE ALREADY BEEN HURT,

ARE YOU STILL PRETENDING TO BE A GOOD PERSON, NYA~?

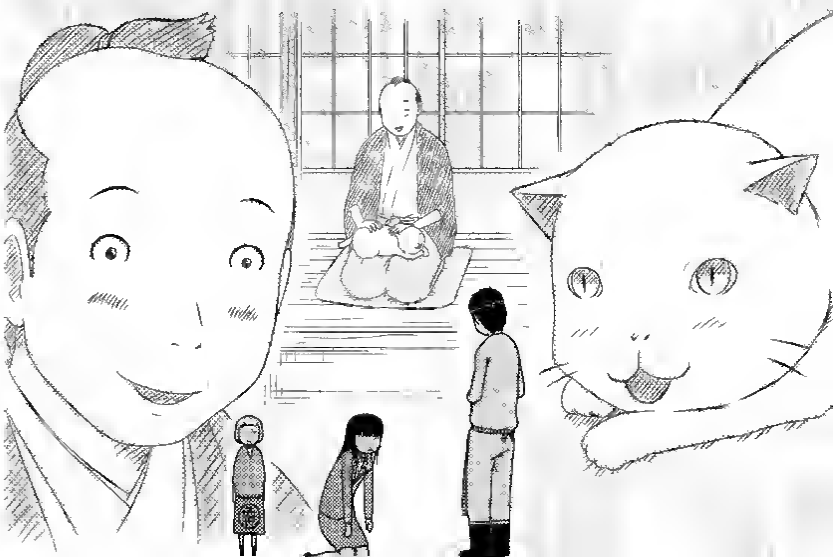

LOOK AT ME.
COME ON NOW, CURSE ME...

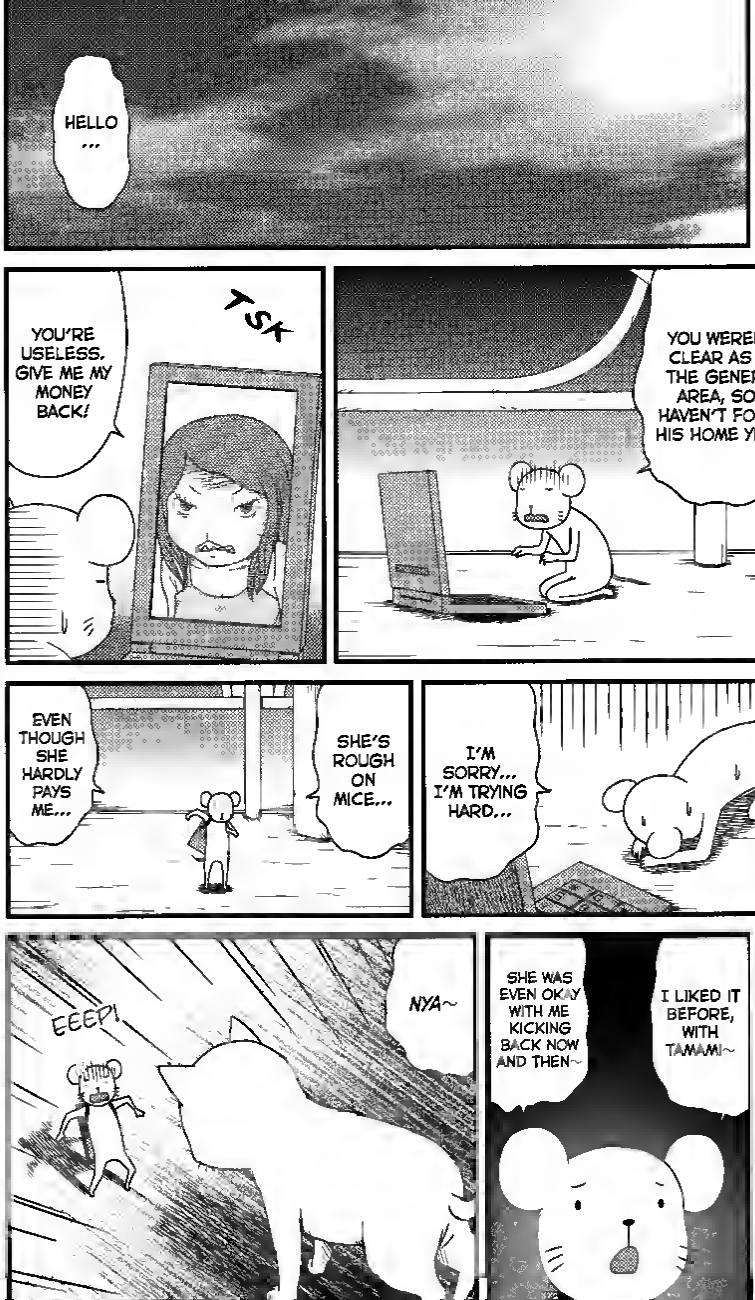
EEEK!!

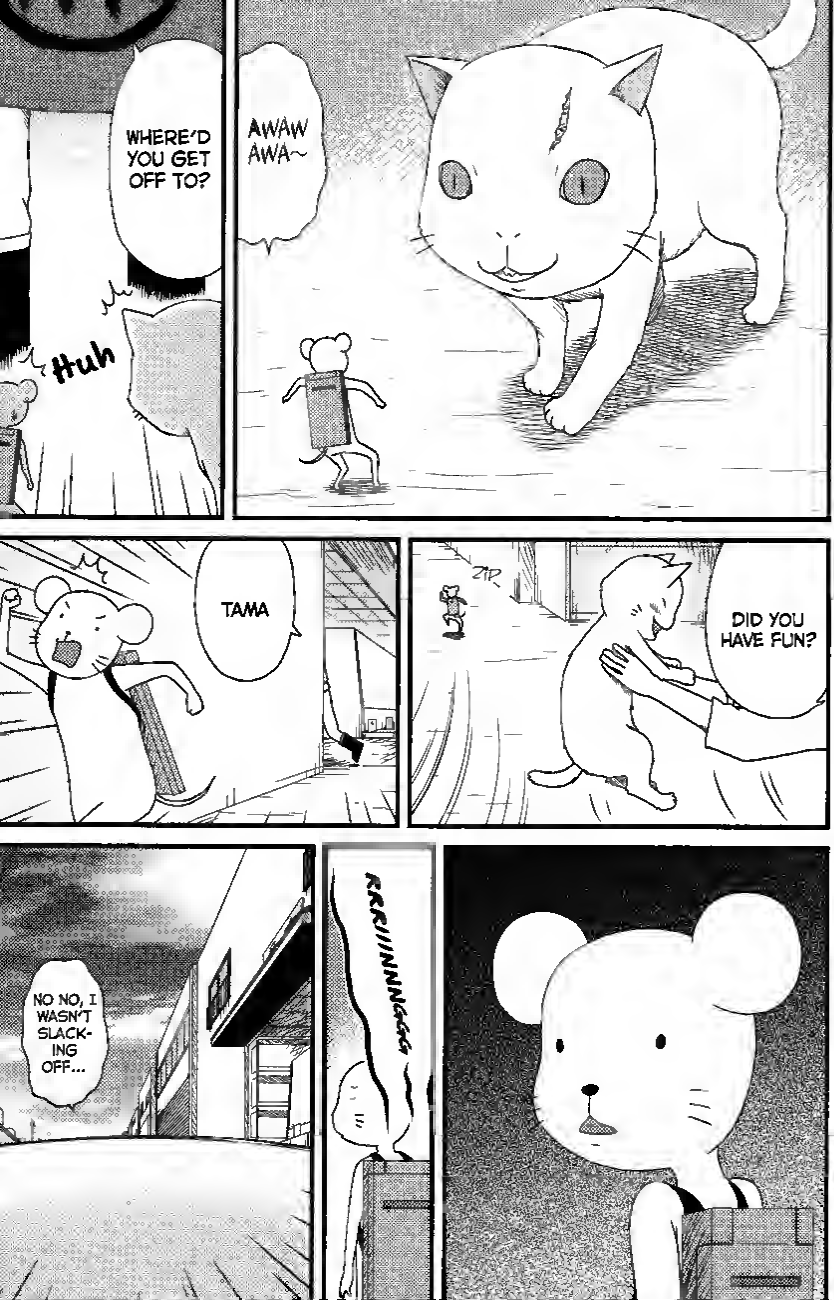
YOU WANT TO BE CURSED LIKE THAT, NYA...?

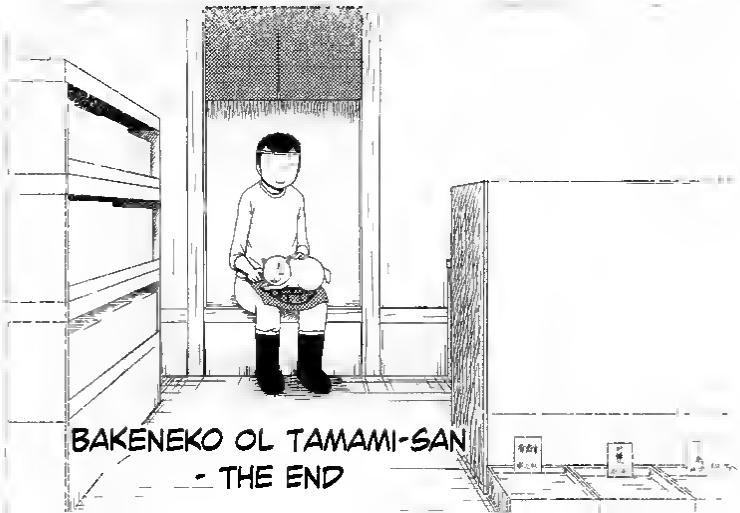
scratch
scratch
WHY, NYA?
WHY DON'T YOU HATE ME, NYA?
scratch
YOU DID IT BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE MY ANCESTORS HATED YOU, DIDN'T YOU?
BECAUSE YOUR BECOMING A BAKENEKO WAS AN AMAZING THING.
YOU SHOULD CURSE ME AS THOROUGHLY AS YOU DID MY FATHER.
Smile

THAT'S NOT WHY I BECAME A BAKENEKO, NYA...
...YOU'RE WRONG, NYA
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS, NYA




HELLO ...
TSK
YOU'RE USELESS. GIVE ME MY MONEY BACK!
YOU WEREN'T CLEAR AS TO THE GENERAL AREA, SO I HAVEN'T FOUND HIS HOME YET...
EVEN THOUGH SHE HARDLY PAYS ME...
SHE'S ROUGH ON MICE...
I'M SORRY... I'M TRYING HARD...
EEEP!
NYA~
SHE WAS EVEN OKAY WITH ME KICKING BACK NOW AND THEN~
I LIKED IT BEFORE, WITH TAMAMI~


WHERE'D YOU GET OFF TO?
Huh
AWAW AWA~
TAMA
ZIP
DID YOU HAVE FUN?
NO NO, I WASN'T SLACKING OFF...
RRRUUNNNGGG



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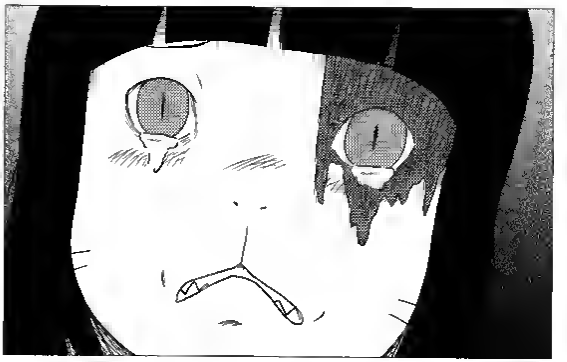

Afterward

Since I started drawing this manga, "Bakeneko OL Tamami-san", many things have happened.

Right after I started drawing, I was assailed by what seemed to be a common cold. It wasn't that bad, and the fever quickly subsided, so I nearly didn't go see the doctor. But when about a month had passed, my neck got swollen and stiff. Saying to myself this was dangerous, I made my way to the clinic. That cleared up quickly, and yet now suddenly my face developed a rash. Since I had never developed rashes up to then, this time I was quick to head for the clinic. The doctor asked me if I kept a cat, but I hadn't so much as touched a cat in more than twenty years.

These past few years I haven't had anything to do with doctors, and yet because I had started with this manga, things like this started happening, one after another...

Then I remembered. That time in my first year in middle school, when I had gone to my friend's house after school. A person, probably my friend's mother's friend, had brought over some kittens that had been born two or three weeks earlier. I had never touched a cat, and was delighted she would let me touch one. But when the kitten was brought over to me, I had moved suddenly and dropped it on the wooden flooring with a thump. I tensed up completely. Because I had caused the kitten to fall. No, because the owner had rushed to pick up and hug the kitten, glaring at me.

Since then, more than twenty years have gone by, but in that time I have not once touched a cat. In spite of that, because I had started drawing a cat (Bakeneko) manga, I didn't think I would be able to avoid it. Would it not be better for me to get along with cats, touching them only carefully?

Thinking along those lines, I went to a cat café to touch and play with cats. At first, my eyes were glued on the cats, but then for some reason all the employees seemed to be cute, and they captured my attention. Perhaps owing to my not taking it seriously, my embedded wisdom tooth started to swell up... after this, I figured I would put some more effort into getting along better with Mr. Cat.

It was with those kinds of sentiments that I drew this manga, but to the people that helped out, to those that took part and to those that read it, I will never tire of thanking you. And then, I think I shall thank even the cats I don't get along with yet.

Sasaki Takashi, End of June, 2009.